WHEREAS, in the year 1620 A. D. our Pilgrim Forefathers, desiring to express their gratitude to their Creator for a bountiful harvest, to their Indian neighbors for their friendliness and agricultural assistance, and to their newly adopted country for its relief from political and religious oppression, did set aside a special day to give thanks; and,

WHEREAS, In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared that a national Thanksgiving holiday be observed in commemoration of the first day of Thanksgiving celebrated on the shores of what was to become these United States; and,

WHEREAS, In 1941, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt affixed a national day of Thankegiving as the fourth Timesday of November:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 27, 1975,

THANKSGIVING DAY IN SOUTH DAKOTA

and urge all citizens of the State to observe this holiday in the manner of their choosing, to give thanks for their blessings, and for a system of government which permits and advocates change in the quest for satisfaction of the present society's unmet needs,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakotz, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 17th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

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LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE